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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT    SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

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RC Offshore, L.L.C, et al.

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*versus*

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Civil Action 4:13-cv-02424

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M/V MISS PENNY, her engines,  
tackle, equipment, and furnishings,  
etc., in rem.

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**Order for Conference**

1.     The plaintiff must accomplish service within 60 days.
2.     Counsel must appear for an initial pretrial conference on:

November 18, 2013, at 09:00 AM  
before Judge Lynn N. Hughes  
at 515 Rusk Avenue, Room 11122  
Houston, Texas.
3.     Initial disclosures may not be delayed. Documents and other disclosures must be exchanged, reviewed, and discussed with opposing counsel well before the conference.
4.     No interrogatories, requests for admission, or depositions may be done without court approval.
5.     A joint discovery plan is not required. Counsel must (a) master the facts, (b) ascertain the discovery needed, (c) discuss it with each other, and (d) be prepared to discuss discovery in a conference so that the court may fashion a brief, effective management plan.
6.     The court will schedule additional preparation and may rule on motions pending or made at the conference.
7.     To ensure full notice, each party who receives this notice must confirm that every party knows of the setting.
8.     Failure to comply with this order may result in sanctions, including dismissal, and prolonged tirades by the court.

*Lynn N. Hughes*  
United States District Judge

Judge Lynn N. Hughes

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*Procedures.* Suggestions for practice before Judge Hughes may be found at [www.txs.uscourts.gov](http://www.txs.uscourts.gov). Please read them.

*Contact.* Make case–related telephone inquiries to the case manager only. Counsel should alert the case manager to matters requiring prompt attention.

*Information.* Get information about filings, orders, or docket entries from the computer or from the clerk's office at (713) 250–5500 or (800) 745–4459.

*Letters.* Do not write letters. Put your message in a document with the case style.

*Emergencies.* Apply for immediate relief through the Intake Section of the Clerk's Office, 515 Rusk Avenue, Houston; (713) 250–5500.

Counsel should send a copy of emergency motions directly to the case manager so that they quickly reach the court's attention. In case of an emergency when the case manager cannot be reached, please call the judge's secretary, Kathy Grant, at (713) 250–5900.

*Continuances.* Joint motions for continuance do not bind the court. The court will respect counsel's vacations.

*Discovery Problems.* The court will hear oral motions that affect discovery or scheduling as soon as both counsel can appear in person or by telephone.